



*The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association*

# Vibrations

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## ***Sell Owasippe? No, save Owasippe!***

*by: Susan Derby*

**T**hough many things have threatened the operation of Owasippe in various forms in the past, the recent efforts by the Executive Board of the Chicago Area Council aimed at closing and selling the camp are the most alarming. While many of you may already know of the dire position of the camp we hold so dear, there are others who are just learning of the proposed sale for the first time.

A lot has happened in the past few weeks, and we will include as much information as we can in this issue, but the OSA Web site is the place to get the most current info as it happens. Check out [www.owasippe.com](http://www.owasippe.com) often for the latest developments. If you don't have access to the Web, you can call OSA Board Member Mike Campbell (see the last page of this issue). Mike will take your information and help keep you updated on developments.

In short, the Properties Committee of the Executive Board of the CAC recommended the outright sale of camps Owasippe and Hoover as part of the Council's long-range plan. The estimated \$40 million in profit from the sale would help bail the council out of its financial woes. The proposal was made to the entire board, a 70-person group, though only about 30 showed up to vote in person at the meeting on October 16th. While the sale was not approved, the board voted to continue investigating the possibility of selling both camps and to allow a volunteer group the chance to raise an endowment to stop the sale of Owasippe.

This group of volunteers, Scouters and friends of Owasippe (from all walks) have started a Save Owasippe Scout Reservation movement (SOSR). The OSA is a major participant of the SOSR effort. A \$10-\$15 million endowment must be raised to save Owasippe from being sold, and that endowment is slowly taking shape. The OSA's Web site has become the central portal for truthful information and mobilization. We have set up a separate fund for SOSR donations, and our non-profit status grants full tax deduction privileges for all donors.

We want to get as much information out as possible. The front section of this newsletter contains much of the information that has been posted on the Web over the past few weeks. Read it, copy it, pass it along to friends and Scouters, to possible (big ticket) donors, to anyone who can get the word out that the nation's oldest Boy Scout camp is in danger. The council has been looking into this for months now, and we only have until June to raise all of the money. We need your help! We are ready to make proposals to individuals or companies, but some of the best pleading for pledges comes from the people they already know — you. Let people know why this is important to you, and ask them to help support the camp that helped you develop into the upstanding citizen you are today.

Visit [www.owasippe.com](http://www.owasippe.com), leave your opinions in the Guestbook or check the News Page for the latest developments. While you're there, be sure to register to receive e-mail updates. Use the contact form to ask specific questions or to let us know if you need help gathering pledges or donations.

The OSA was set up almost 25 years ago to protect and preserve Owasippe for the Scouts and campers of the past, present and future. We WILL NOT quit until the camp is safe from sale to outside developers. This is NOT a time of panic, personal attacks or pessimism. Owasippe has never needed us more!



Well, it has been a busy four weeks since the Council Executive Committee meeting on September 26. Those of you close to me and our efforts know just how busy we have been preparing for and making presentations to different groups. It has been hectic, and thanks to the help of a large group of people, too large to mention all, I still have a family and my sanity.

People like Gordy Stiefel and John Chikow have kept me on the straight and narrow with their sound business savvy. Jim Schlichting and Don Studaven have kept us in front of our friends in Muskegon County. Scout leaders, like Rich Gudmundson and Bob Kurth, have made sure we kept our eyes on the goal – the kids. And between Chauncey Niziol and me, we have been lucky to not have both of us go off the deep end at the same time, though our wives are getting jealous.

We have met with (and by “we” I mean that I was the seat at the table, but many more helped me prepare) representatives of the Properties Committee of the Board to tell them that we “fundamentally disagree with your conclusions, believe your logic to be flawed and your approach irresponsible.” We have met with the Executive Committee of the Board to present several alternatives. They primarily include the funding of an endowment to remove the financial burden of Owasippe from the Chicago Area Council and, in addition, provide a revenue stream from off-season use to bolster the cash flow of Owasippe after the endowment is established. We have been part of the meeting of the Board of Directors to help people understand the full gravity of what they are suggesting. You should know that if the vote to sell had been put forward as a “Yes or No” vote, I believe the vote would have been close.

We have a long way to go, and we have spent a great deal of time, during the summer and even now, getting to know and develop some strong relationships

with our neighbors and partners in West Michigan. All of our friends are not yet known.

But having said that, you know some of the people involved and you need to know that our purpose is to assure that we never have to cross this bridge again. You know that I am old Infantry NCO, and I don't believe in paying for the same real estate twice!

We can ask (and several of the members of the Board – including me have asked) how did we get into the financial position we are in, but that is a question that is best left for later. Right now we have a group of people pulling together a business plan that we can use to meet with large donors to solicit funds. That group is scheduled to have their final draft ready by October 30. We have been putting together a list of potential donors for contact. These donors are likely to be donating \$500,000 or larger, and we need a total of about \$15 million to get the problem resolved. They include large foundations that are used to giving to Scouting in the past but are not giving now because of political positions taken by National Council regarding gays in Scouting. We will need to differentiate ourselves from that policy by focusing on the value of the outdoor treasure that is Owasippe.

What can you do? If you are a registered Scouter in Chicago Area Council and you have not written to the Board of Directors, do so immediately. The addresses are on the OSA Web site. If you are not registered, register now with a district, unit or as a member-at-large.

Our team (which includes Ron and Susan Derby, editors of this newsletter) believes in complete, open communications. If you have questions, please ask. The roll that the OSA can play is a large one. You can represent all the individuals and units who have ever camped at Owasippe and who want to come back next year. You can help them to action. Thanks for your time. --Joe

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## A brief timeline...

**May** - Executive Committee of the CAC stopped sharing information with the Owasippe Committee. Things were quiet, too quiet.

**June** - Joe Sener and Chauncey Niziol meet with various groups, including schools, colleges, legislators, county and township officials, non-profit organizations and youth group representatives, to discuss potential off-season use of Owasippe. An abundant number of realistic opportunities were discussed.

**Sept. 11** - Joe meets with a small group of council officials. First word surfaces that long-range plans called for the outright sale of both camps. Joe was told to “remain quiet” about it until the Oct. 16 council board meeting.

**Sept. 25** - By this time, council representatives

were known to have mentioned the proposed sale in casual conversation, so Joe began talking.

**Sept. 26 (a.m.)** - A conference call took place with Joe and an inner circle of council officials/executives wherein they weren't open to any endowment effort and the amount of \$26 million was tossed out as a necessary level even if they did approve of an endowment effort.

**Sept. 26 (afternoon)** - An Executive Board Meeting of the CAC was held wherein Joe again proposed the idea of an endowment to the whole board. Joe's calculations came to a \$10-\$15 million figure, and the member who first mentioned the \$26 million figure agreed that Joe's math was more realistic than

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## ***Timeline continued***

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his previous estimate. The endowment effort wasn't specifically passed, but the general agreement was that it was a worthy alternative and that Joe could proceed.

**Sept. 26 (evening)** - Joe pulled a strategy team of about 15 volunteers representing a number of different constituencies together at CLTV in Oakbrook. This team included Scouters, volunteers, and other friends of Owasippe. The situation was presented, and plans began for raising the \$15 million endowment.

**Sept. 27** - The OSA Web site became the central portal of the endowment effort. We posted addresses, notices, sample letters and facts. The letter-writing campaign begins.

**Sept. 29** - The Chicago Tribune covers the plight of the camp, getting the council to confirm that the endowment is an approved effort.

**Oct. 9** - The OSA hosted a Save Owasippe rally at European Chalet Banquets. 200-300 people showed up to hear the facts and join the cause. CBS 2 Chicago

was there to cover the event for the 10:00 news.

**Oct. 16** - The Council Board (70 members) held a meeting to vote on the council's long-range plan. About 30 members show up. A definitive motion WAS NOT made to sell or stop the sale of Owasippe Scout Reservation or Hoover Outdoor Education Center. A motion WAS made (and passed) to allow continued investigation into selling the property and/or finding alternative funding opportunities. Basically this means that the verbal commitment made to Joe Sener last month is being honored. The SOSR Committee still has until January 31st, as agreed, to show substantive fund raising progress towards an Owasippe Endowment of some sort.

**Oct. 22** - The Arrowhead District held its roundtable meeting, and Council President Lewis Greenblatt and CAC Chief Executive Jim Stone were in attendance. Greenblatt answered questions and presented some of the council's dire financial position.

Visit [www.owasippe.com](http://www.owasippe.com) for more details.

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## ***What you can do:***

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- Write letters of concern. Tell the board, council and district leaders that you support keeping Owasippe as part of the Scouting program. Tell them why Owasippe is a necessary and valuable part of the Scouting program. Even if you have written one round, write another.
- Let the media know. Write letters to the editors of newspapers coast to coast asking them to pay attention to the story. **Ask them to contact Joe Sener for an official statement.** Call CBS News Chicago (channel 2) to say you like the coverage so far and that you want more. Help us spread the word to national news agencies (this is the oldest Scout camp in the nation!).
- Contact any potential donor. Take your "friendly neighborhood millionaire" out to lunch to explain what camp means to you. Better yet, take him/her up to camp for a weekend and show them around. A personal plea from someone they know — be it friends, neighbors or family members — is more effective than a blind letter from us. No donation is too small, but we do have a lot of money to raise. Give what you can, and then call that friend with the deep pockets. All donations are fully tax deductible.
- Get your Troop involved. Letters from actual Scouts to all of the outlets above can be very effective. Videotape uniformed Scouts talking about their experiences at camp, make copies and send it to us and Council President Lewis Greenblatt.
- Register. If you aren't a registered member of the BSA, do it now. Register as part of Venture Crew 9900 (the OSA-sponsored crew), part of your local Troop or as a member-at-large. Registered Scouters speak in louder voices.
- Tell us of any potential big-ticket donors that we can approach. Companies, non-profit organizations, environmental groups, or any youth group who could benefit from use of the land and facilities. We want to talk to them and see if they can help us save Owasippe for everyone's use. We'll make presentations or send along information.
- If you have Web access, register on [www.owasippe.com](http://www.owasippe.com). You'll get updates right to your e-mail inbox. Visit the site often for the latest developments. Pass these along to others who are interested. We will keep you up on ways you can help and any information we can share.
- Suggest high-yield fundraisers. We may need some fast money without much to spend. Have you or someone you know had a good response to a certain fundraiser? Can you supply something that may help the effort (reams of paper, postage, freebies, time, etc.)? Tell us.
- Don't give up! Throwing up your arms or saying "There's nothing I can do" is not helpful! Personal attacks or threats are not Scoutlike. Remember, a Scout is trustworthy, loyal, brave and reverent (prayers get answered!).

## President's Perspective by: Ron Derby - President

Well, a lot has happened since the last time I wrote this column. All of the sudden, our 25-year struggle to support Owasippe has been boiled down to a few months to try to save Owasippe. Are we up to the challenge? I say hell yes we are. It's not just us either. We have an army of friends of Owasippe that includes Scouters, staffers, ex-staffers, volunteers, hunters, Owasippe's neighbors and so on. This group has collectively become known as the SOSR team. The OSA is already a big part of the SOSR movement and we're only a few weeks into the fight.

Many people have asked, "what can we do? How can we help?" Right now, one thing you can do is help raise funds toward that lofty goal of \$15 million. Give what you can, but more importantly, try to think of that wealthy friend of yours that is looking for a worthy cause/tax deduction. We have a lot to raise in a short amount of time. Take the enclosed pledge/donation form and make five copies of it before you fill it out and send it in. Take those five copies and give them to five people who you think might want to help.

Another very important thing you can do is keep spreading the truth. Take what you've learned in this newsletter and pass it on to as many people as you can. If you have Web access, visit [www.owasippe.com](http://www.owasippe.com) to read about the latest developments. The saying "loose lips sink ships" rings true. Speak the truth and focus on the facts. It's okay to have opinions or doubts. It's okay to speculate, but you must realize that an opinion or half-truth can be very damaging to the cause. We own the high road, and we must remember that a Scout is trustworthy above all else. There are those out there who have yet to hear about the camp's plight. Telling the story will help recruit supporters and generate ideas.

Most importantly, you have to keep hope alive. No matter what you've heard, it is NOT a done deal. There are many on both sides who think it can't be done, but there are many more who believe it can. It won't be easy, but it is definitely worth it. Stay positive and stay focused on the task at hand. First and foremost, we have to save the camp. Once we've accomplished that, we can worry about the other problems that face the council. We must prioritize and choose our battles wisely. There is plenty to be angry and disgusted about, but we simply don't have time for that right now.

It is hard to picture an Owasippe Staff Association without Owasippe. Ultimately, this is what we were built for. I don't know if anyone could've predicted this back in 1978, but I'm glad we're here now to stand in the way. We will not quit, we will not give up.



**We have not yet begun to fight!**

## Pizza Night - Nov. 29 by: Ron Kulak - Board Member

It's been a while, but the OSA is bringing back the Post-Thanksgiving gathering, the "Pizza Rendezvous." We will be hosting the event on Friday, November 29th at European Chalet Banquets, 5445 S. Harlem Ave., Chicago (1/2 mile south of I-55), lower level social hall. Entry is on the Harlem Avenue side of the building. This is the same place as last year's banquet. Doors open at 7 p.m. running until 11 p.m. Everyone over age 18 is welcome. Cost at the door is \$10, which will cover food, hall costs and sundries. There will be a cash bar.

Besides being a great social event and homecoming of sorts, our Rendezvous will be a venue for a number of activities: \*information updates on the the Save Owasippe campaign, \*membership renewals and new member registration, \*details of the 25th anniversary banquet, \*patch displays on Owasippe and Owasippe Lodge OA and value assessments of personal memorabilia, and \*information on the 2003 Owasippe Summer Camp Season and applications for camp staff.

While you don't need to pay in advance, we would appreciate an RSVP for the number in your party that plan to attend. Call Ron Kulak, Rendezvous Chairman, at (708) 429-5596 or e-mail him at [owasiron@juno.com](mailto:owasiron@juno.com). We would appreciate your response to help better plan the event.

We look forward to seeing you and your camp buds on November 29th for a great evening of fun, info and fellowship.

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## The Picnic Buzz

by: Susan Derby

A great picnic was only improved by the nice weather on the last Sunday of August. A crowd of past and present staffers along with numerous Owasippe supporters headed out to Woodridge, Ill., to enjoy food, horseshoes, playgrounds, patch trading and some softball. A special thanks goes out to Mark Bregin for finding, booking and holding the picnic grounds and bringing his dining fly for some additional shade.

The grills fired up at noon, and food and drink were shared all day. Some people sorted through Scout patches while others worked on controlling the bee problem with some skill and Snapple bottles. Cheryl Voliva sold split-the-pot cards, and Vince Rychtanek

stirred up a few games of horseshoes. OSA president Ron Derby posted the plans for the new Blackhawk firebowl that would be the fall fix-it project a few weeks later. Crystall Elliott and Susan Derby led the kids' games and the fastest piñata in OSA history.

The 40-strong crowd started to dwindle around 5:30 or so. Thanks to all for coming out for some fellowship, food, games and good times.

The board is still searching for a good, central location as a permanent home for the event. E-mail us at [picnic@owasippe.com](mailto:picnic@owasippe.com) if you'd like to suggest a location for next year.

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## OSA Family Picnic 2002

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Photos taken by Steve Troccoli



## **"Been there, did that."**

by: Susan Derby

Even with all that has happened since the Fall Fix-it weekend, we cannot ignore the amazing work completed by all of the volunteers back in September! When you hear about the great new Blackhawk firebowl, you can say, "I did that!"

In order to get the whole project on track, Dave Strenski, Ron Derby and Jeff Rich arrived early to install the first full row of benches with some help from Jim Rich and Ted Augustyn.

The following day saw the largest group in recent fix-it history show up to be a part of the big dig, and the results were amazing. With Dan Kleinfeldt's organization, Dave Strenski's plan and more than \$4,000 in lumber donated by John Sterling, we transformed a hill with some rotting tree trunk benches into an incredible firebowl with stadium seating. The old fire pits were cleared out, and Mike Finnegan leveled the stage area with his Bobcat. Lots of hands dug holes and built six full rows of benches, complete with checkdams, center steps and woodchips.

Plans call for six more rows, so we will be completing the project at the Spring Fix-it. We can't wait to see the Scout's faces when they return to find a brand new firebowl next summer.

Other projects were happening all over Owasippe. Guy Gogliotti and crew did some much needed re-roofing of Reneker cabins. His ongoing efforts to re-roof every cabin are helping keep the rest of the workers dry. Head Ranger Al Geisler put Bob Corrao and Tom Buckley to work masking a camp van for a new coat of paint, while Mike Drazba spent the day working on the big generator behind food prep.

And of course, the cooking crew had their hands full feeding the 120 or so volunteers, plus the 20 Scouts of a Troop camping at Owasippe for the weekend. They served lunch at both food prep and the Blackhawk jobsite to keep progress rolling. And then they wowed us with an amazing meal of turkey, goose, potatoes, salads, veggies and more. Mark Bregin's homemade cheesecakes were devoured. Thanks to Chauncey and the entire crew!

We can't stress enough how grateful we are for the amazing effort and turnout. The work and patience of everyone made it one of the most accomplished fix-it weekends in recent history. Thanks again to the Owasippe Ranger Staff for doing all of that prep work, John Sterling for donating all of that lumber, Dave Strenski for doing all of that planning, Mike Finnegan for bringing all of that equipment and everyone else for doing all of that hard work!

The Spring Fix-it is being planned as normal because, as far as we are concerned, **there WILL be a camp and it will still need our help.** We will finish the firebowl with more rows and plant some trees on either side of the seating area. Plus there will be a slew of other jobs to get the camp ready for the 2003 camping season. See you then!

## **To all of our new friends...**

by: Jeanine Fassl

Rick and I would like to express our sincerest gratitude for making our Fall Fix-it weekend such a special time. We were more than a bit concerned that we, not knowing anyone from OSA, would feel like outsiders and not have anything to do. Diane, Sheryl, Jamie and Kelly, Kathy and Billy, Kevin, Sue, Ron and Marilyn Kulak, Jerry and so many others, for whom we did not get all the names, seemed to go out of their way to make sure we knew we were appreciated. Even though neither of us had been on staff, the warm spot that Owasippe has in Rick's memories has been one of my favorite inheritances.

Seeing the passion and dedication in all who helped reshape Blackhawk's firebowl, do other maintenance needs at camp and feed us left a warmth in our hearts that has us still smiling today. Please know that if any of you get up north to the southern part of the beautiful state of Wisconsin, give us a call and we would be so happy to return your wonderful hospitality! Seriously, we're near some wonderful communities like Lake Geneva, Madison, Milwaukee and on your way to places like the Dells, so take an extra 30 minutes (or more if you can spare the time!) and stop by to say "hi!"

In spite of the gut-wrenching news about the Chicago Area Council's ultimatum regarding the dire financial situation at Owasippe, we are confident that the OSA and the Owasippe Committee will be able to work together to do what needs to be done to guarantee that the treasure we know as the Owasippe Scout Reservation will outlast all of us! Future generations will enjoy and learn from what you are doing now! Thanks again and God Bless Scouting!

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The Camp Blackhawk Firebowl Crew  
Fall Fix-it 2002



# Fall Fix-it 2002

Photos taken by Jerry Brown using Bob Corrao's digital camera.



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## Great Teachers Share in Special Ways

by: G.B. - OSA Member

Have you ever considered the number of people beyond our family and loved ones who have touched our lives in special ways? Consider the teacher who took you on your first great adventure through the story you were reading in their classroom. Consider the coach who gave a sincere "Great try" the first time you didn't catch the ball. The other kids didn't laugh because the coach made sure everyone on the team knew you were "still a contributor to the effort" without having to be able to catch the ball each time. Consider the leader who first fueled your passion for Scouting and the outdoors. Consider the lifelong friendship of a Scout or Scouter who reminded you by his example why Scouting is so important in your life.

As we grow, our paths of development are influenced by such powerful and meaningful "little" events without us always realizing their significance in the scheme of things. We give no consideration of how the results of these events and the people who fuel them will affect our very being in the years to come. Collectively, the influences of these events form the fabric of our wisdom. It may take many years, if at all, before we realize their importance.

All too often, we are reminded of one of these "events" when we hear of the passing of the individual whose influence affected us in this special way. Only then, looking inward to rekindle our connection to the individual, do we realize this person has helped shape our being in some discernable way.

I was sorely reminded of this in the last week. I have been away from Scouting for the past six years

for various reasons, including commitments to family and volunteer projects outside of Scouting. Only this past week, I learned of the loss of two people who influenced many lives including mine. While many have had time to mourn, remember and reflect, the process is just beginning for me, so I hope you will indulge me a little.

I was stunned and deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Chuck Nagel and, more recently, Ed Black. I worked with Chuck and Ed on camp staff at Owasippe. On a personal level, I need only say that I will miss them both very much. They touched my life in very special ways.

On a much broader lever, it occurs to me that Chuck Nagel and Ed Black created special moments for many because they were great teachers, coaches and Scouters. They brought us along on an exciting adventure called Owasippe. They showed us how to contribute with grace and dignity, all the while exemplifying the highest level of commitment to Owasippe and the campers they served.

Their influences will be felt in special ways for years to come, as we pass along a part of what we were privileged to glean from Chuck Nagel and Ed Black. It might be best described as gaining wisdom, if you will.

It seems to me that there can be no better legacy we can leave to Scouting, and the people we touch in our lives, than to be able to pass on our wisdom; wisdom that is gained from those encounters with great teachers sharing in special ways.

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## Owasippe Treevia

by: Hans Anderson - Board Member

OSA Board Member Hans Anderson dug up an old copy of "The Tree," the unofficial newsletter of the Owasippe Staff. He thought (and we agree) that a quick look back to June 27, 1989, was in order. Here's a sample of the questions from the Owasippe Staff Trivia section. See how many you can get right.

1. Name four people who were sailing base directors in 1988. – Bonus: Who held the job the longest?
2. Who slurps (Red Rooster) wet burritos?
3. What was the Camp Robert Crown aquatic cheer in 1984?
4. What off-reservation lock did the famous 0464 key open in 1988?
5. What did every non-Crown staff member have to do when they entered Crown's lodge for the first time in 1988?

6. What sign did Buda always hang in front of his staff row cabin?
7. What council shoulder patch did Vince Rychtanek and company wear at closing banquet in 1987?
8. What are three after hours meeting places for the older staff?

ANSWERS: (1) Tom Janiak, Howard Shane, Steve Troccoli, Buda, Pat Troy, Gerry Norman, Mark Drahos, Jerry Sanders, Hans Anderson, Bonus: Hans Anderson. (2) Cheryl Voliva. (3) Don't drown, it will spoil your day! (4) The Wesco ice machine. (5) Kiss the fish. (6) Tank crossing. (7) Aloha council. (8) The Heights, The Spot, The Lines, The Place, The New Place, The Other Place, The New Other Place.



# The way we were...

Fred Brems started going to Owasisippe as a camper in 1932, just one year after he joined the Scouts. He went to Camp Checaugau on Big Blue Lake with Troop 150, of the Northwest District, every year until 1936, when he joined the Owasisippe staff.


Fred worked at Camp Stuart in 1936 and '37 and Camp Pioneer in 1938. He sent in this brochure from the 1932 camping season, when ten days of camp cost only \$10 and round trips from Navy Pier to Muskegon by steamship cost \$3 for Scouts!

Thanks for checking in from Virginia, Fred! We'll print more pages from this 1932 brochure in coming issues of Vibrations.

## What to Take to the OWASIPPE SCOUT CAMPS

... This List May Be Used as a Guide  
to Help You Decide What to Bring

- Your Scout Uniform
- Extra pair Scout Shorts
- Extra Scout Shirt
- Raincoat or Poncho
- Scout Sweater
- At Least Three Single Blankets  
(Equivalent to 16 lbs. Wool)
- Blanket Pin-and-Swaps
- Haversack or Camp-O-Sack
- Four Pair Stockings
- Outdoor Shoes
- Swimming Suit
- Palmas
- Towels
- Sewing Kit
- First Aid Kit
- Mess Kit
- Canteen
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## Owasisippe Scout Camps

Troop 150



1932

### The Troop in Camp

More than ever attendance at the Owasisippe Camps this summer will be by troops and camping by troops will be emphasized.

In troop camping: **THE SCOUTMASTER** registers his own Scouts for camp, accompanies them to camp, gets a location for his troop's camp, is in charge of them during their stay.

The Scoutmaster, because he knows the individual Scout, his environmental background, needs, and how he can be aided in his personal development, is best able to help the Scout to develop physically, mentally and morally.

Solve small disciplinary problems. Guide them in their participation in the Scoutcraft program. Lead them in their participation as a troop in activities. Secure for the troop through the Camp Director opportunity to run activities for the troop alone, such as hikes and campfires.

**INDIVIDUAL CAMPING**

When the troop cannot come as a group, it is permissible for individual Scouts to register in one of the camp's personal tents and periods. Selectful men of outstanding character and ability with boys are appointed to serve as Scoutmasters of these troops. The purpose of camps, in the sense as that of the troops camping under their own flag Scoutmaster.

**The Camp Directors and the Staff**

Over sixty men and young men take care of the needs and prepare for the Scout as resident staff members. In addition the Scoutmasters and assistants of troops voluntarily give their time to help in members of the staff in charge of their troops. 225 different leaders helped in this capacity in 1931.

**The General Staff**

Victor L. Roy - Assistant Chief Camp Director  
Craig Atkinson - Assistant Chief Camp Director

**The Directors**

Harry K. Eby - Camp McDonald  
A. A. Kirk - Camp Dan Beard  
Marion W. Fields - Camp Belnap  
James Hiner, Jr. - Camp Blackhawk  
Richard L. Van Horn - Camp James E. West  
George M. Schuler - Camp Checaugau

The Camp Directors are members of the Headquarters Staff of the Scout Movement in Chicago.

**THE STAFF**

The camp staff is selected from the application of many thousands of men and young men. It is composed for the most part of men who are either college graduates or are men attending college, together with a group of able high school men of unusual talent and ability. Nearly all of these men have been with Owasisippe from periods varying from three to twenty years. We believe that the most important factor in the success of camp is the selection of the staff. We are proud of our Owasisippe Staff collectively and individually, and only wish that opportunity were as to introduce them all to you.

**Stay 10 Days or as Much Longer as You Can!**

1932 Summer Season is Six Weeks

**THE RATES**

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As an individual - \$11.00.  
Additional periods \$12.00.

In the interest of making it financially possible for more boys to attend, the periods have been cut down from thirteen days to ten days, although troops or individuals may arrange to stay the extra three days—such extra days to be charged for at the rate of \$1.00 per day.

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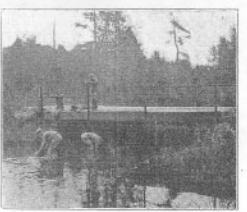
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## Call for 2003 Nominations

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Think of all the OSA members you know. List out the people you talk to at the Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance. Picture the workers and cooks at the fix-it weekends. Who do you call to see if they are going to the family picnic? Who do you reminisce about camp with?

Those are the people we want to talk to. If anyone on your list of OSA members is someone you consider a good candidate for the Board of Directors, let us know! This call for nominations is open to anyone to suggest someone's name. We'll contact each nominee and see if he/she is willing and able to serve on the Board.

Being on the Board has its share of benefits and commitments. These people make the decisions about fix-it projects, event locations, fundraisers, membership and more. And — especially in light of the OSA's role in the current SOSR campaign — the Board's

input is needed on many topics and situations. It's not all fun and games; a lot of work goes into running this organization. We need motivated thinkers and doers.

Candidates need to be OSA members in good standing, at least 21 years old and must be available for monthly meetings, currently held on the third Wednesday night of each month. The only other requirements are a dedication to the camp, the OSA and its members. If you or someone you know has the drive and ability to make things happen, we need to hear from you!

We will contact all nominees and gather their relevant information and goals for publication in the next newsletter. Contact Pat Monahan, elections chairman, at (708) 403-4506 with any nominees. **Nominations are due by January 10, 2003.** Now is the time to step up and show your commitment to Owaspip and the OSA!

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## 2003 Election Info

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*by: Pat Monahan - OSA Elections Officer*

**YOUR OSA BOARD:** The affairs of the OSA are managed by the nine members of the Board of Directors whom you elect. Their terms are staggered so that three must be elected each year. Each Board member serves a three-year term unless a vacancy must be filled for a shorter term. A Director must be a currently registered Staff or Associate member age 21 or older as of the day of election (March 1, 2003), have a genuine interest in the success of the organization and be available for monthly Board of Director meetings.

Current Board of Directors			Term Expires
Kevin Oster (Treasurer)	Dan Kleinfeldt (Vice Pres.)	Hans Anderson	2003
Michael Campbell (Secretary)	Ron Derby (President)	Jim Rich	2004
George Korzen	Ron Kulak	Candy Merritt	2005

**WHO MAY VOTE?** Each OSA member currently registered ('03) is entitled to one vote at the annual meeting for the purpose of election of the Board of Directors. Voting may be done in person at the 25th Annual Meeting (location to be announced) on Saturday, March 1, 2003, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m..

Alternately, signed ballots will be accepted via the U.S. mail. A list of candidates, their resumes and a ballot will be included in the next issue of Vibrations, to be mailed in mid-February.

**BE SURE THAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY REGISTERED ('03) SO THAT YOUR VOTE COUNTS!** The current year of your membership will be on the mailing label addressing this mailing. Any questions regarding the status of your membership can be presented to the Membership Committee Chairman Ron Kulak at (708) 429-5596 or [owasiron@juno.com](mailto:owasiron@juno.com).

**WINNERS** Those candidates receiving the largest number of valid votes will be inducted into the Board of Directors during the 2003 Annual Meeting. For 2003, the top three vote getters will be considered duly elected. The positions will be three-year terms.

**OPERATING OFFICERS** The first official duty of the newly constituted Board of Directors will be to select operating officers for the next twelve months, namely President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

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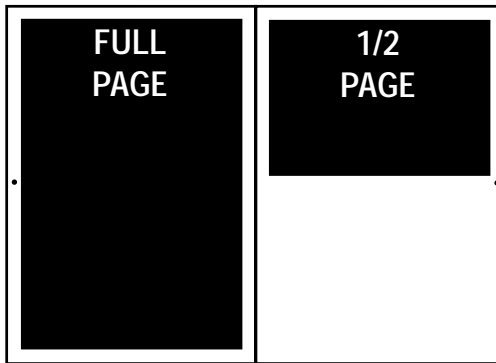
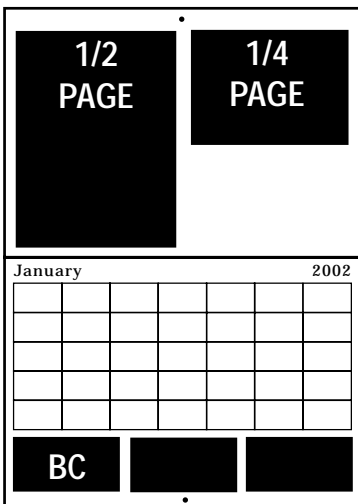
# It's our 25th Anniversary!

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are seeking sponsors for the Owasippe Staff Association Calendar/Ad Book distributed at our Annual Meeting in March of 2003. Here is an opportunity to extend greetings to your friends, wish Owasippe and the OSA well, and/or promote your business. The annual Ad Book is an important fundraiser for the OSA, and its proceeds help us carry on our mission to assist the Owasippe Scout Reservation.

Owasippe, located in scenic western Michigan near Whitehall and Montague, is the nation's oldest Boy Scout summer camp. Owasippe serves youth and families from the Chicago area and throughout the U.S.

The first 26 pages of the Ad Book will be a 12-month calendar (March 2003 – February 2004). For each month, there will be up to four quarter-page ads and three business card ads. The calendar ad space and inside covers will be sold on a first come basis. The remaining pages consist of our annual report and have a couple of ad options as outlined below.



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# Bill & Malia's OSR Restaurant Guide (part 1)

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by: Bill & Malia Schaefer - OSA Members

Editor's note: Who better to recommend places to eat than those who live up near Owasippe year 'round? So Bill followed up his golf course review with this restaurant review. Happy dining! (The opinions expressed here are not necessarily those of the Owasippe Staff Association.)

**Best overall dining experience:** The Sardine Room (2536 Henry St. just north of Sherman; Muskegon) — fun! Check out the staff's headwear! Cool jazz music (not overpowering) from the '30s & '40s, very audible even as you step out of your car.

**Second best overall:** The Brownstone (101 Sinclair Dr.; at south end of Seaway Dr., Muskegon) — nice bar, too.

**Best food:** The Marquette Room (of Baker College) — by far, the best food anywhere between St. Joseph, MI, and Charlevoix, MI. (Marquette Ave.; Muskegon — go east on Apple Ave. from US 31; left at first light; right on Marquette Ave.) Everything (breads, desserts, and all) is made from scratch that day! Menu changes daily. Watch for pheasant entrée.

**Second best food:** City Cafe (downtown Muskegon, near the Fruenthal Theater)

**Next best food:** All of these are quite a distance behind The Marquette Room — #3 Arboreal Inn (Grand Haven Rd.; Fruitport; a couple of miles east of US 31) nice atmosphere inside and out! #4 Rafferty's; #5 Crosswinds; #6 Brownstone #7 Holiday Inn, Muskegon Harbor; #8 Sardine Room; #9 Docker's (Muskegon, technically; go to Lake Michigan shoreline, toward the Silversides submarine. It is on the far west side of Muskegon Lake, right near Lake Michigan.) Tell them to turn off the TV in the dining room!

**Worst food:** Food Prep, Owasippe, by far. Doo Drop Inn (downtown Muskegon, on Henry St.). Bilmar (also second most expensive, behind Crosswinds). Bilmar (on Lake Michigan in Grand Haven) is inconsistent; do NOT ever get their prime rib (super fatty). The Italian restaurant in Montague (name? \_\_\_\_\_ Villa). Old Channel Inn (debatable). Tony's (off Henry St., Muskegon) is inconsistent — e.g. great steak one day; rubber steak the next day.

**Best prices/value:** Marquette Room — no comparison, and tips are not allowed. (You may contribute to the staff party fund though, but only if you mention it.)

**Best appetizers:** Rafferty's (where Third St. ends at Muskegon Lake; Muskegon) — Order their brie with orange marmalade. Red lobster (at The Lakes Mall;

get off 31 at Sherman and go east).

**Best salads:** Marquette Room; Bilmar (You choose from six options, with dinner; and they are good! Leave after you finish your salad.) Rafferty's. Crosswinds.

**Best breads:** The Marquette Room

**Best martini bar:** The Sardine Room — no comparison, except in downtown Chicago (and that is even a "maybe!") Also, if you like a bloody Mary, get theirs garnished with a jumbo shrimp, chunks of Swiss cheese and andole sausage.

**Best beer and drinks selection:** The Sardine Room

**Most "sophisticated" bar:** The Sardine Room

**Smokiest bars:** #1 Corsi's (Whitehall, on the main drag) — lung cancer special; #2 Tony's (downtown Muskegon; off Henry St.) ugh!

**Most popular restaurant:** No restaurant from Muskegon on up north draws more customers for lunch and dinner than Tony's, especially blue-hairs. Bilmar (In a hurry? You'd better have a reservation.)

**Restaurants most in need of cleaning up and remodeling:** Doo Drop Inn; Tony's; A J Capone's (downtown Muskegon, near Walker Arena); House of Chan (Muskegon; on south end of Seaway Dr.)

**Nicest bars for cocktails:** Sardine Room, Crosswinds, Bilmar

**Friendliest bar staff:** Crosswinds and Rafferty's

**Worst bar:** The Marquette Room (It is alcohol/smoke free; for you Puritans!)

**Nicest table setting:** The Marquette Room (linens)

**Nicest dinner music:** The Marquette Room (often live piano, just outside of the room)

**Best steak in town:** Holiday Inn at Muskegon Harbor; order their fillet

**Best fish:** Marquette Room (best fish, period! Get their halibut! Omygod!)

**2nd best fish:** Red Lobster

**Best Walleye:** Rafferty's and Crosswinds tie (mustard pretzel crust is yummy!)

*To be continued next issue.*

# What's News?

## **Something new...**

Whitehall and Montague host a series of winter events open to the public. If you haven't been up to Owasippe in the winter, it's really a sight to see. Grab the family for a weekend away at camp or in a local hotel. Walk the snow-covered trails, tread lightly out on frozen Big Blue, or check out any of these events in the area:

*Nov. 15-17: Holiday Christmas Walk.* Whitehall and Montague shopping areas deck out and offer holiday foods, music, carriage rides, luminary displays and more.

*Nov. 22-Dec. 28: Festival of lights at the Double JJ Resort in Rothbury.* The resort itself is a great place to stay, but they add hayrides around the ranch to view lighted displays. Craft and food booths and Santa Claus are also there. Weekends only.

*Dec. 7: 50<sup>th</sup> annual White Lake Christmas Parade.* More than 100 floats and groups participate, including the big red man himself. Parade begins at 2 p.m. and weaves through Montague and Whitehall downtowns.

*Dec. 14: Breakfast with Santa at the Whitehall United Methodist Church.* 117 S. Division St. Eat pancakes and tell Santa what you really want for Christmas.

## **Park for the Sons of Owasippe**

Hilt's Landing, the site where a canoe and two skeletons (thought to be the sons of Chief Owasippe) were found half buried, will be turned into a natural public park. The 232-acre site was left to the county by the Hilt family. The only surviving son, George Hilt, remembers the family house on the land and spending time fishing and exploring the nearby woods. The county had discussed turning the grounds into a golf course, but negative public reaction to that plan made the county rethink the use. Currently, fishermen and off-roaders use the land, causing erosion and damage to the property. The state has granted \$25,000 to install a stairway to the White River, thus helping stop erosion there. Immediate plans also call for paving the dirt access road, also to stop erosion.

Plans for the park include picnic areas, a shelter, wetland boardwalks, parking and a gated entry to secure the land overnight. Campgrounds are not part of the plan. The plans seem to satisfy the Hilt family as well as the Native Americans who know the land as Burial Ground Point because of the canoe. As part of the ceremony dedicating Hilt's landing, three Native American groups blessed the land.

## **Just the beginning**

The Hart-Montague Bike Path's recent extension into Whitehall is not the end of the line for the trail. In fact, the city is already planning more extensions of the paved path for biking and walking. It currently ends at the Whitehall Library on White Lake Drive, but the city is hoping to gain grants and funding to extend the path to the new high school, currently just starting construction, and to the Michigan's Adventure amusement park. Eventually the trail would lead right into Muskegon along the shores of Lake Michigan.

Residents of Whitehall seem to like the extension. The White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, whose offices are right alongside the trail in an old train depot, is planning to improve its area of the path with picnic tables, benches, a water fountain and flowerbeds. They are encouraging others along the trail's path to do the same to make each section unique, beautiful and more inviting to trail users.

Any trail extensions are still in the planning and fund-raising stages. City officials are using the increased walking and bike traffic as selling points to gain support from other communities.

## **Ambit at it again**

Ambit, the same development company that turned the old Owasippe camps into homes and subdivisions, is now looking at a 40-acre parcel of land off Hyde Park Road., near Holton-Whitehall Road. The unpaved Hyde Park Road currently isn't suitable for the 122-home plan that Ambit is proposing to both Blue Lake Township and Whitehall Township. Though the land is in the Blue Lake Township, the effects of the housing development would impact roads, water facilities and Silver Creek of Whitehall.

The land is zoned FR (forest/recreational) as part of Blue Lake Township's dedication to green space. They require each home to have at least two and a half acres of land to keep the township as the open area of Muskegon county. Ambit must expand the lots, reduce the number of houses in its plan and address the street and water issues before any more progress can be made on the possible housing development. No approval for any building has been granted.

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# Galloping Grapevine



## **Wally & Jan Kleinfeldt ~ Palatine, IL**

Wally and Jan traveled to China this past March to be introduced to their new daughter, Molly Jin Yu. After arriving in Beijing and seeing the many sights, they were flown to Changsha and taken to the orphanage to meet Molly. They were given Molly on her first birthday, March 18th. They were told that she was found on the street in front of a police station when she was only four weeks old! She is a beautiful and welcome addition to the Kleinfeldt family.

## **The Lavine Family ~ Chicago, IL & Israel**

David and Carole proudly announce the birth of a beautiful new granddaughter born on May 7th to Sara and Gary Kamen. This is their second child; Natan, their oldest, turned four in October. Sara and Gary currently live in Israel. Phillip Lavine also has moved to Israel where he is studying and planning to teach. David has been quite ill this past year (in and out of the hospital several times) but right now is trying to regain a bit of strength.

## **Jim Schlicting ~ Montague, MI**

Jim suffered a heart attack on Wednesday, August 27th, while en route to Hackley Hospital. Jim said he was amazed at how quickly things had happened. The staff at Hackley stabilized him and transferred him to the Heart Center at Mercy Hospital, where he underwent catheterization of two coronary arteries. Jim was home by 7 p.m. on Friday with the sole assignment of "being bored and getting used to a slower pace."

Jim says he does feel better overall and smoking is a thing of the past. "One of the best things to come out of the ordeal was the totally unexpected outpouring of concern and love I have received. Thank you. I guess it's times like the last few days that makes one understand how many people they share so much with. I thank every one of you for your thoughts and prayers." -- Jim

## **Dan & Mindy Kleinfeldt ~ Chicago, IL**

Dan and Mindy (Blust) got married in Edison Park on October 11th. Both worked on camp staff in the past, and Dan is a Board member. They met through mutual friend (and Maid of Honor) Diane Posen at a Ravinia concert. Congratulations to the happy couple!

## **George & Charity Korzen ~ Chicago, IL**

The Korzen family received this year's Halloween treat early! Jacob Timothy Korzen was born on October 9th, weighing in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. Jacob's big sister, Bethany, is very proud, and she's hoping Jacob won't mind playing tea party when he is a little older. Congrats!

## **Denine Anderson ~ Chicago, IL**

Denine ran the Chicago Marathon on October 13th and finished in 5:40:12. She ran with her pal Beth Levy, with whom she has been training since February. "The last the last nine miles were awful. My legs were cramping up. I used my Lamaze breathing to complete the marathon. The breathing technique did nothing for me during labor, but it did come in handy to complete the marathon. Go figure?!"

## **Ned & Erin Swanson ~ Chicago, IL**

Ned Swanson married Erin Hengtgen on October 19th at a lovely ceremony in Hampshire, IL. Aside from newlywed, Ned is also a Lieutenant in the United States Navy. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Swanson!

## **Jim Kiminsky ~ Newport Beach, CA**

Jim signed in on the OSA guestbook: I was a camper at Stuart and Beard in the late '60s and was honored to be able to camp under such staff as "Swoop" and the late great Chuck Nagel. I was a C.I.T. in one of the first C.I.T. programs directed by Bill Dopke. I next went on staff in the early seventies at Stuart, then spent a few years at Wolverine South where we had some great water polo games at night that even included "Tiny." (Who knew he could play polo so well!?) Next I went on staff at Crown where I worked with another great Scouter, Chris Bury. After graduation from college in Southern Illinois, I became a police officer. In 1982, I moved to Southern California and continued my work in law enforcement. I have been with the Newport Beach California Police Department for 20 years. As a Sergeant, I have supervised the Vice and Intelligence Unit, Narcotics Bureau, Personnel and Training Unit as well as several stints in the Patrol Division and Hostage Negotiations Team. I have to say that there is no doubt that all of the good people and good experiences at Owaspippe have helped me every day of the 25 years I have spent in law enforcement. I can be reached at 870 Santa Barbara Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660 • (949) 644-3665 • jkaminsky@nbpd.org

## *- New Members -*

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Thanks and sorry if we forgot anyone.

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## **See you at the end of the trail...**

### **Lloyd Hanson ~ Mesa, AZ**

Lloyd, 82, father of Linda Monahan, died peacefully at home on September 14th after fighting illness for many months. Lloyd served on Owaspippe staff for 13 years starting in 1965, working at Camp Stuart, Camp Wolverine South and Ad Center. Lloyd was a long-time Scouter in Calumet Council and received the Silver Beaver award in 1975. He also led a trek at Philmont in 1966 and received his Vigil Honor in the OA in 1971. He was a life member of the OSA. Lloyd will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

### **Mary Meder**

We are saddened to report that Mary Meder (50), daughter of Tony Krier, passed away in early October. She is survived by her father, three brothers and five sisters. She will be dearly missed. Please keep the Krier and Meder families in your prayers.



# Hey! Are your OSA dues up to date?

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- Spring ~ January 15
- Summer ~ April 1
- Fall ~ August 7
- Winter ~ October 15

## ***Dates of Interest to OSA Members***

### *November*

- 20 ..... OSA Board Meeting
- 28 ..... Happy Thanksgiving!
- 29 ..... OSA Pizza Night (European Chalet)
- 30 ..... Staff Interviews (St. Daniel the Prophet Church)

### *December*

- 18 ..... OSA Board Meeting
- 25 ..... Merry Christmas!

### *January*

- 1 ..... Happy New Year!
- 15 ..... Vibrations Deadline
- 15 ..... OSA Board Meeting
- 15 ..... OSA Board Nomination Deadline
- 31 ..... SOSR "Substantive Progress" Deadline

### *February*

- 14 ..... Happy St. Valentine's Day!
- 19 ..... OSA Board Meeting

### *March*

- 1 ..... 25th Anniversary Annual Meeting/Dinner Dance
- 17 ..... Happy St. Patrick's Day





# Save Owasippe Scout Reservation (SOSR)

Thank you for deciding to help us in our efforts to save the Owasippe Scout Reservation from potential sale by the Chicago Area Council, BSA. It is through support such as yours, that the OSA and other concerned volunteers and Scouters will save Owasippe for generations to come.

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